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GREAT MEETING OF FARMERS IN THIS COUNTY LAST THURSDAY FIRST GRASS AND ALFALFA DEMONSTRATION WAS COMPLETE SUCCESS

The first grass and alfalfa demonstration ever held in James City, or on the Peninsula, so far as we know, was that of last Thursday on the farm of Mr. E. M. Slauson and at the Williamsburg Experimental Station on the Jamestown boulevard. About 150 farmers from James City, York and other Peninsula counties were in attendance, the day being a most profitable one, with weather that was ideal. The people began to arrive at about 10 o'clock.

The time was fully occupied in inspecting the various plats of alfalfa, Mr. Slauson being kept busy explaining his methods of preparing the land, seeding, etc. At noon Mr. Slauson's fine herd of cows were brought in from the pasture and turned into the barnyard, where Mr. Slauson explained they would have dry feed until time for milking. By this plan he entirely avoids the onion flavor in the cream, his pasture being only too well supplied with wild onions.

After having inspected the farm, dairy, and other points of interest, Mr. Slauson called the meeting to order and, after a few preliminary remarks, he introduced Mr. T. O. Sandy, state agent in charge of the demonstration work, who gave a 30-minute talk upon the farmer's problems. His talk was to the point, and will set some of our farmers to thinking along new lines.

Mr. Sandy mentioned that 50 counties in Virginia this year have taken up the demonstration work. He also stated that last year one child made \$65.00 on the products of 1-10 acre of land.

Mr. T. C. Johnson, of the Norfolk experiment station, was the next speaker. He gave particular and complete instructions for the growing of spinach and sweet potatoes, marketing, etc. Many questions were asked the speaker.

Prof. Carrier, of the Experiment Station, Blacksburg, was the next speaker. He spoke particularly of the Williamsburg station and the work to be done at this station; and invited the farmers to familiarize themselves with the work being done.

Mr. D. G. Wilson then gave a short talk on cotton, its value as a money crop, culture, picking, etc.

The Ladies' Aid Society then served luncheon to those who desired, and all spoke in high terms of the refreshments.

The farmers then proceeded to the experiment station where Mr. R. C. Cocke took them in charge, explaining the work being done. Many remained until evening, seemingly loth to leave the station.

Mr. Farrar, district demonstration agent, was also in attendance and took an active part in giving information.

It is the starting of an era of better farming and the results of this meeting will be far reaching. The farmers came to learn and they will come again.

PLANS FOR REUNION PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 6—The plans for the entertainment of the 23rd annual reunion of the United Confederate veterans and Sons of Veterans are practically perfected,

and all veterans and visitors to Chattanooga May 27-29, the dates of the reunion, are assured of a most enjoyable time.

The biggest task of the reunion association was that of building the camp in which the veterans are to be entertained while here. Camp A. P. Stewart, however, is a fact and not a figure of speech. That is to say, the 1,200 tents have been erected. The work was done by a troop from Ft. Oglethorpe in command of Capt. Gillem, a native Tennessean. It is difficult to imagine a more commodious, pleasant and complete camp. Ex-Confederates who have seen it pronounce it the best appointed camp ever arranged for a confederate reunion.

The tents are of the pyramidal type, and will accommodate eight cots each, or sleeping room for about 10,000 men. These men will be given their meals in a large mess tent conveniently located. More than 200 people will be employed to wait on the veterans. Lunch stands will be conveniently located also, where light lunches and coffee may be had free of all charge between meals. A large platform has been erected at the entrance to the camp for musicians and other entertainers, and the veterans will not suffer for lack of amusement while waiting for their meals.

Camp A. P. Stewart is located in Jackson Park, near the national cemetery, in a beautiful grove of oaks. It is cool and sanitary—as near a delight as one could wish. It is within easy reach of the city by trolley cars. The car service will be increased sufficiently to accommodate the demands. There will be no waiting for cars, and no crowding. The greatest care has been observed in planning all of the details for the camp, and it will be as near perfect as human ingenuity and the expenditure of money can possibly make it.

It has been officially determined that there shall be three parades instead of one at the Chattanooga reunion. In fact there will be four. The Eleventh cavalry of the United States army will give an exhibition parade on the morning of May 27, the opening day of the reunion. This is the best cavalry regiment in the regular army, and the spectacle will be one of the best features of the reunion week. The sponsors' parade will start at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 27th. This will be followed next day, May 28, by the parade of Sons of Veterans, the parade starting at 4 P. M. The United Confederate Veterans' parade will start at 11 o'clock on the morning of May 29. Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of veterans who may be too feeble to march in the parade. These will be seated in auto-trucks. It was decided to put them in auto-trucks because automobiles are too fast for a parade. The trucks will comfortably seat the veterans and will be elaborately decorated. The parade of the veterans is expected to be a most imposing and interesting event of the week.

The Ladies' Social Club will meet at the home of Mr. J. D. Bull next Wednesday, May 14, at 10:30 a. m.

It is said a Newport News meat packer has shipped out of this section of the Peninsula 33 carloads of beef cattle the past year. That looks like our farmers are raising something to sell now.

PROVIDENCE FORGE NEWS

Providence Forge, Va., May 6.—Our village is suffering very much for rain. The gardens and truck patches would look fine if we only could have a nice shower.

Messrs. Gilliam, Christian and Gill left this morning for Norfolk, where they will serve on the U. S. jury.

Mrs. E. Turner and son, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. J. H. Christian.

Mrs. R. E. Mountcastle is sick in her home here.

Mr. C. E. Hughes and bride have moved into their new home and are very nicely fixed up, and are the recipients of many nice presents.

The W. O. W. gave a big dance in the hall here on Friday night, May 2. Quite a number was present. Music was furnished by a string band from Richmond. Cream and cake for refreshments were served and the ladies furnished a big supper. Dancing kept up until 2:30 and every one present declared it an enjoyable event.

Mrs. J. C. Dunn and family, who have resided in our community for some time, have returned to their old home in Wichita, Kansas. They will be very much missed as they were a nice congenial family and we haven't the people to spare.

Mr. H. C. Rowan, of Roxbury, was in our village on Sunday visiting his old friends. He expects to leave this month for Hot Springs, Va., where he will be treated for rheumatism.

Miss Phoebe Potts is visiting friends in Petersburg.

Dr. Parker, Messrs. W. B. Coggin, J. B. Richardson and R. E. Mountcastle attended the farmers' meeting in James City last week, and brought back several samples of blue grass and alfalfa. They went down by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilliam spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards in Richmond.

Our adjoining county, Charles, has several cases of smallpox. Dr. Harwood is very sick with the disease. Dr. H. U. Stephenson is the attending physician.

HOLDCROFT

Holdcroft, Va., May 5—Dr. Ashton Harwood, a well known physician of this county, has smallpox in a very severe form and is very ill at present. Several other cases have been reported in different parts of the county. People are being vaccinated, those exposed quarantined, and public meetings dispensed with to prevent the spread of the disease.

A very interesting entertainment in connection with the closing of the public school was held here Friday evening. After the program of recitations, dialogues and songs had been rendered with credit to those taking part, Miss Osie Trimmer, of the faculty, whose powers of elocution had so often charmed the audience, by special request gave one of her choice selections.

The school club regaled the audience with fruit to which they paid their respects in a most gratifying way.

The fishing season is drawing to a close and has been one of small catches and unusually high prices.

Farmers are busy planting corn and securing hay.

BARNETT'S

Barnettes, Va., May 5—The closing exercises of this school was held last Wednesday evening. The programme consisted of songs, recitations and dialogues, and quite an enjoyable time was spent by pupils, patrons and friends. After the everesies refreshments were sold and \$15.01 was realized for the benefit of the school.

Charlie Myers, of this school received \$2 from the Peninsula School Fair held in Williamsburg, being the second prize on freehand drawing.

Wilford Brockwell, of City Point, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brockwell.

George Herry, a pupil of this school, had his finger badly cut last week.

Rowland Barnett and friend, Harry Lewis, of William and Mary College, spent April 26 and 27, with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barnett, of this place.

YOUNG LADIES OF THE INSTITUTE TO PRESENT TWO PLAYS IN CAMERON HALL

On next Saturday night, the young ladies of the Williamsburg Female Institute will present two plays in Cameron Hall, to which the public is extended a cordial invitation. The first of these will be a laughable comedy farce entitled "Sun Bonnets," in which will appear some of the best talent of the school. This will be followed by "A Psychological Moment," a farce in two scenes. Those who attend are promised an evening of mirth and fun. Following in the programme of the evening's entertainment:

"SUN BONNETS" A Comedy in Two Acts.

SYNOPSIS

Act I. Mrs. Butterfield's "settin'-room." Rival societies. "Summer boarders is a dreadful nuisance." All plans fail.
Act II. The Rivals meet. "Sun bonnets a sign of vulgarity." A missionary to the rescue.

CHARACTERS

Mrs. Butterfield.....Thelma Brown
Charlina Butterfield.....Eugene Haxall
Mrs. Dubois (the boarder).....May Person
Mildred Dubois.....Carra Garrett
Mrs. Phelan (a sympathizing friend).....Loy Arnold
Miss Tryphena (the postmistress).....Lottie Rennick
Mrs. Crannon (the minister's wife).....Gladys Cooley

MEMBERS OF "LADIES' BENEVOLENT."

Mrs. Pendleton.....Josie Arthur
Mrs. Tibbets.....Mary Dressler
Miss Spinney.....Gladys Bennett
Mrs. Crannon.....Gladys Cooley

MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S AID

Mrs. Martin.....Alma Hull
Mrs. Phelan.....Loy Arnold
Miss Tryphena.....Lottie Rennick

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"A PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT" A Farce in Two Scenes.

Scene 1. Miss Hutchins' Psychology Class.
Scene 2. Some secrets of boarding school life revealed.

CHARACTERS

Mrs. Siddons (School Principal).....Margaret Maynard
Miss Hutchins (Teacher of Psychology).....Marguerite Roberts
Emily Childs.....Mildred Dull
Ruth Gordon.....Annie Faulkner
Josie Roth.....Inger Schele
Daisy Roif.....Lola Smith

BUSINESS MEN HOLD ANOTHER ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT COMMITTEES MAKE REPORTS AND CONSIDERABLE ROUTINE BUSINESS IS TRANSACTED

The size and the enthusiasm of last Friday night's session of the Williamsburg Business Association was most gratifying to all present, and while the meeting was long drawn out, it was a peculiarly interesting and valuable one.

President Spencer presided and roll call showed that there were present about twenty-five members out of a total of something like sixty-five. Two new members, Messrs. E. M. Slauson and W. C. Strong, were unanimously elected.

One of the most pleasant events of the evening was the report of the committee which went to Richmond as delegates from this association to the Conference for Education in the South held recently in that city. Mr. D. S. Harris led off with his report covering what he had gathered of value at the conference. Then followed D. S. W. P. Clarke, and H. E. Bennett, closing with Mr. D. G. Wilson's report. The tenor and keynote of all the reports was cooperation—in school, home, farm, workshop, everywhere. Principal H. H. Young of the Williamsburg High School, although not a member of the committee, attended the Conference in Richmond, and made a strong address from an educational point of view, and asking the cooperation of the patrons of the local schools, which unfortunately is withheld now.

A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee on formation of plans for an economic survey of this community. This committee will be named by the chair later. Dr. H. E. Bennett will be the chairman.

Mr. G. W. Thorpe, chairman of the committee on sugar beet culture, reported that the committee had organized and sub-committees were named to have charge of the work. The seed had been ordered, and is now here ready for distribution.

Mr. D. S. Harris reported that a result of visit to Richmond by the committee to the Educational Conference was the appointment of D. G. Wilson to act as a representative of the State Agricultural Department for a period of ten days, which time he should give to the demonstration of cotton growing in this section, the Peninsula.

A pretty and deserving compliment was paid the secretary of the association, Mr. J. S. Charles, when he was unanimously elected as a delegate to the Southern Secretaries' Association which holds its convention in Charleston, S. C., on June 5, 6 and 7.

The auction committee by the chairman, Mr. Wilson, made a very encouraging report, after which the association adjourned.

INFORMATION FOR SUGAR BEET GROWERS

Seed for the sugar beet culture test is now in the hands of the committee, ready for distribution. If you are going to be one of those progressive farmers who will lend his hand in an effort to demonstrate once and for all what can be done in this line, you should take hold of the matter without delay, as the season is already well advanced. The following data will assist you in growing the one-tenth test acre, and

it is furnished by the Toledo Sugar Company, who know all about the culture of sugar beets:

"I will give you the following instructions which are nothing more than one would follow in growing any crop that requires close attention. First place, select good land and would advise to work the seed bed down in fine condition, such as one would prepare to plant garden beets or any other garden truck. Plant your seed immediately upon arrival, in rows about twenty inches apart, from 1.2 to 1 inch in depth. I suppose you will use a hand planter, such as gardeners use to plant their seeds, and if such is the case after your beets have four leaves thin them out to one beet in a place only, about ten inches apart in the rows. Cultivate as you would any other crop, keeping free from weeds. This would be about all that would be necessary to grow a crop. About the time the beets are maturing in September or October we would be pleased to advise you how to prepare and ship your samples for analysis."

R. F. D. NO. 1 NEWS NOTES

Bacon, Va., April 29—Misses Anna and Clara New, of Richmond, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie New.

Messrs. Henley Jones and John Richardson spent Sunday evening with their cousins, Misses Mamie and Clara Graves.

Miss Beatrice Jester spent Monday night with Miss Florence Wilson.

Mr. Elsworth Ayers was a caller at the Five Forks school Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Leal, of Jamestown, spent a few days with Miss Deacon in Williamsburg last week.

Mr. G. L. Waltrip and Miss Herbert, of Toano High School, were visitors at Jamestown Sunday.

Bacon, Va., May 7—The athletic club of Jamestown school will hold a strawberry and ice cream social on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Ed. Gilley. Come out and help the boys.

Mr. Joseph Graves and family spent Sunday at Shell Bank the guest of W. S. Hitchens.

Mrs. John Austin spent Tuesday night with her father, near town.

Mr. Robert Richardson, of Williamsburg, spent Sunday with his cousin, Miss Inez New.

Mr. and Mrs. George Waltrip spent Sunday with the former's parents at Five Forks.

Mr. Thomas Robinson is on the sick list this week.

Supervisor John Barnes spent Tuesday night with Mr. George Richardson.

Mr. Frank Ayers and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Gilley.

Supervisor James B. Vaiden is in Norfolk this week serving on the jury in the U. S. court.

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